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COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

Letter dated 12 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit the text of the statement issued by the Government of the United Mexican States on 7 October 1993 in connection with the resumption of nuclear testing by the People's Republic of China.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico requests the Secretary-General to have this note and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 66, entitled "Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty".

(Signed) Manuel TELLO

ANNEX

Statement issued by the Government of Mexico at Tlatelolco on 7 October 1993 concerning the resumption of nuclear testing by the People's Republic of China

The Government of Mexico laments the recent resumption of nuclear testing by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The world is at a historical juncture that permits it to look forward to the removal of the nuclear threat which hangs over it. The total cessation of nuclear testing is a step in that direction, as a prelude to the general and complete prohibition of weapons of that nature.

The resumption of nuclear testing at a time when other nuclear-weapon States are observing a moratorium constitutes a step backwards in the effort to achieve that goal.

Mexico calls on other nuclear-weapon States to continue to observe their unilateral moratoriums in this area.